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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action mailed July 27  
1992, please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 5 and 21.

Please rewrite claims 6, 8, and 9 as follows:

5/6. (amended) [The method of claim 5] A method for  
calculating routes for sending user data packets via information  
handling devices which forward data packets through a  
communications network, said information handling devices  
including (a) single-protocol information handling devices  
capable of recognizing and forwarding only user data packets  
which conform to a single protocol suite, and (b) multi-protocol  
information handling devices capable of recognizing and  
forwarding user data packets which conform to any one of two or  
more protocol suites, comprising  
using a routing protocol to automatically  
predetermine whether to encapsulate a packet, at which  
information handling devices to encapsulate and to decapsulate

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